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THE VIRGINIA GA[illegible]

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In the HOUSE of SENATORS, January 24, 1778.

WHEREAS by the form of government of this commonwealth, directing the election of Senators, it is enacted, that "at the end of one year after the general election "the six members elected for the districts composing the "first division shall be displaced, and the vacancies "thereby occasioned supplied from such class or division "by new elections in the districts composing the same," and doubts have been suggested whether the members so displaced are eligible to the next Assembly after such vacancy;

Resolved, nemine contradicente, as the opinion of this House, that the members so displaced are again eligible to fill such vacancies.

ARCHIBALD CARY, Sp. Senate.

BY the division of the several districts (as they stand arranged by an ordinance of Convention) into classes, made in Senate the 21st of *May* 1777, they stand as follows:

CLASS No. I.

Brunswick, Lunenburg, and Mecklenburg; Chesterfield, Amelia, and Cumberla[illegible]ity, James City, and New Kent; Henric[illegible]d Louisa; East Augusta, and Dunmore; [illegible]ond, and Northumberland.

CLASS [illegible]

Isle of Wight, Surry, an[illegible]arlotte, Halifax, and Prince Edward; [illegible] Middlesex; Spotsylvania, Orange, [illegible]oudoun, and Fauquier; Frederick, Berke[illegible]shire.

CLASS No. III.

Dinwiddie, Southampton, and Sussex; Botetourt, and Fincastle; Hanover, and Caroline; Essex, King William, and King & Queen; Prince William, and Fairfax; West Augusta.

CLASS No. IV.

Accomack, and Northampton; Princess Anne, Norfolk, and Nansemond; Buckingham, Albemarle, and Amherst; Pittsylvania, and Bedford; Elizabeth City, Warwick, and York; Westmoreland, Stafford, and King George.

These classes are to succeed in rotation, agreeable to the constitution of government; and the members representing the districts composing the first class or division being now displaced, the sheriffs of the several counties are directed to take notice thereof, and to hold elections agreeable to law. ARCHIBALD CARY, Sp. Senate.

YORK town, *March* 9, 1778.

WE have for sale, by the cask or package, a small assortment of the most useful medicines, salt petre, black pepper, fine tea, whipsaw, crosscut, and handsaw files, plane irons, shirting linen, *French* rum, and salt in barrels.

W. Gaynar, & Co.

WENT adrift from a vessel at *York*, an old FLAT, with a small piece of new wood in her gunwale. She had a grapnell, and a few fathom of new rope to her. Twenty shillings reward will be paid for information where she may be sent for.

To be SOLD, *on* Friday *the* 10*th of* April, *at the plantation between* Sylvanus Stokes *formerly lived, on* Staunton *river, in* Charlotte *county*,

A BEAUTIFUL stone colt belonging to the estate of *Ambrose Hundley*, deceased. He is a fine chestnut sorrel, one year old, well grown, and high formed; his sire was *Apollo*, his dam was got by *Janus*, his grandam by *Silver Eye*. Also a likely young gelding three years old, and some household furniture. All persons having claims against the said estate are desired to apply for payment, and those indebted to discharge their balances, as the subscriber wishes to finish his administration, and close his accounts with that estate.

MACK GOODE, Adm.

WILLIAMSBURG, *March* 11, 1778.

FOR [illegible] young NEGRO LAD about 18 years [illegible] well grown, and would suit a gentleman that travels, as he is very fond of horses. He has been used to the house ever since a child, can clean a house out, and wait very well at table. His price is one hundred and fifty pounds sterling. A good bill on any merchant in *Great Britain* for the above sum will do, but one on *London* or *Glasgow* will be more agreeable. For further particulars inquire of

ROBERT NICOLSON.

NOTICE is hereby given, to whom it may concern, that the Rev. JOHN BRANDER, late Rector of *Russell* parish, in the county of *Bedford*, departed this life the 2d day of *January* 1778.

THE gentlemen who were kind enough to undertake the sale of the HAMPDEN SIDNEY LOTTERY tickets will much oblige the subscriber by sending him an account of the success they have had in the sale of them, as the trustees wish to proceed to the draught as soon may be.

P. CARRINGTON.

MARCH 11, 1778.

WANTED, to attend an officer of horse, in quality of a SERVANT for the ensuing campaign, a white man capable of taking care of horses, dressing hair, &c. who can be well recommended for his fidelity and honesty. Such a one will meet with good encouragement by applying to the subscriber, any time in the present month, or to the printer of this paper. THEODORICK BLAND.

WILLIAMSBURG, *March* 11, 1778.

THE subscriber is in immediate want of an OVERSEER at his plantation near *York* town. Any honest man will be employed, and may have good wages by applying to

DUDLEY DIGGES.

FOR sale, three TRACTS of LAND, *viz.* One thousand acres on *James* river in *Charles City* county, being part of the *Buckland* tract, on which is a very valuable fishery, and a quantity of marsh land nearly reclaimed. Four hundred and twelve acres in *Hanover* county, twelve miles above *Richmond* town, with valuable improvements. Two hundred and fifty acres near *James* river, in the upper end of *Cumberland*, fine tobacco land, with a small plantation, and large peach orchard. For terms apply to the subscriber, near *Cumberland* old courthouse.

EDMUND LOGWOOD.

TO be RENTED, *and entered on immediately*, A VALUABLE tract of land in *Loudoun* county, near *Newgate*. The terms may be known by applying to Mr. *Gawin Corbin* in *Caroline* county, who has power to rent the same, or the subscriber in *Northumberland*.

JOHN MONRO.

THE HIGH BRED HORSE

SELIM,

FORMERLY the property of *Samuel Galloway*, Esq; of *Maryland*, stands at my stable in *Sussex* county, to be let to mares the ensuing season at ten dollars the cover, and twenty dollars the season; the money to be paid before the mares are taken away. *Selim* is a fine dark bay, upwards of fifteen hands high, fat, sound, and healthy; was got by *Black and all Black*, whose sire was old *Crab*, his dam was the beautiful *Selima*, got by the *Godolphin Arabian*, and full sister to old *Babram*. His performances as a racer, I believe, have not been equalled by any horse that ever started on the continent. Good pasturage *gratis*, and proper care shall be taken of the mares; but I will not be answerable for accidents

RICHARD PARKER.

FOR sale, a fine PILOT BOAT sixty feet keel, now on the stocks, which will be finished in a very short time. For terms apply to the subscriber, in *Williamsburg*.

CHAMPION TRAVIS.

☞ The above boat will be sold in shares, or altogether, as may suit the purchaser.

To the [illegible] PENNSYLVANIA,
DELAWAR [illegible] VIRGINIA.

Friends, Countr[illegible]

AFTER three cam[illegible] the brave subjects of these states l[illegible] nsuccessfully with one of the most po[illegible] n earth, we now find ourselves at least u[illegible] r opponents, and there is the best rea[illegible] efforts adequate to the abilities of this coun[illegible] le us speedily to conclude the war, and to secu[illegible] nable blessings of peace, liberty, and safety. Wit[illegible] view, it is in contemplation, at the opening of the next campaign, to assemble a force sufficient not barely to recover the country from a repetition of those depredations which it hath already suffered, but also to operate offensively, and to strike some decisive blow.

In the prosecution of this object, it is to be feared tha so large an army may suffer for the want of provisions. The distance between this and the Eastern states, whence considerable supplies of flesh have been hitherto drawn, will necessarily render those supplies extremely precarious; and unless the virtuous yeomanry of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, will exert themselves to prepare cattle for the use of the army, during the months of May, June, and July next, great difficulties may arise in the course of the campaign. It is therefore recommended to the inhabitants of those states to put up and feed immediately as many of their stock cattle as they can spare, so as that they may be driven to the army within this period. A bountiful price will be given, and the proprietors may assure themselves that they will render a most essential service to the illustrious cause of their country, and contribute in a great degree to shorten this bloody contest. But should there be any so insensible to the common interest as not to exert themselves upon these generous principles, the private interest of those whose situation makes them liable to become immediate subjects to the enemies incursions should prompt them at least to a measure which is calculated to save their property from plunder, their families from insult, and their own persons from abuse, hopeless confinement, or perhaps a violent death.

G. WASHINGTON.

Head Quarters, *Valley Forge, Feb.* 18, 1778.

IT is hoped that the inhabitants of *Virginia*, of all ranks, have too much virtue to slight what is recommended to them by our worthy Generalissimo. The principles of humanity unite with the publick safety in forbidding that the army should suffer through want of provisions. It will suffer, and by that means the most dreadful consequences ensue, unless due attention is paid to what is here asked for. Those who can possibly spare cattle, that may be fit for use, by *May*, *June*, or *July*, are requested to give information thereof to the County Lieutenant of the county, who is hereby desired to acquaint me with the number of cattle which may be procured from each county respectively. This measure is adopted in order that this state may make a vigorous effort to support the army, and prevent the calamities consequent upon their wanting provisions; and it is not without good ground, I trust, that our brave countrymen in the field expect much assistance from us.

By order of Council.

P. HENRY.

I DO hereby give notice to those brave friends to liberty, whose time of service as soldiers in the continental army is at an end, or near expiring, that the General Assembly passed a vote to give every such soldier who shall re-enlist in the service twenty dollars over and above the continental bounty, as an acknowledgment and some reward for their former good services. And all officers under whom those brave men shall re-enlist may assure them that money to pay such reward is lodged at head quarters, and will be delivered to them by order of His Excellency General Washington as soon as they return to camp.

P. HENRY.

WILLIAMSBURG, MARCH 20.

Extract of a letter from head quarters, Feb. 25.

"I HAVE seen extracts from the English papers to the 6th of December, containing the addresses to the King, and the debates in Parliament upon Burgoyne's affair, which had not come officially to Administration, but was mentioned in a letter to the Minden hero from Carleton, collected from the affidavits of deserters who had left Burgoyne's army during the treaty of capitulation. The first, like other hollow things, was but the echo of the Tyrant's speech, the others running higher than any I have yet seen. The gallant BARRE attacks in front, the other glib-tongued Hibernian (BURKE) gives the baynnet in front; Mr. Luttrell is furious upon the right flank, Governour JOHNSTONE gives no quarter on the left, whilst the corps de reserve is managed with great address by Mr. FOX and Mr. DUNNING; and several light parties skirmish with the enemy to advantage. They charge Administration with villainy, and want of abilities; extol Burgoyne as the gallant soldier, sacrificed by the blunder of those in office; are full of invectives against General Howe; speak respectfully of General Washington as a soldier and man of virtue, and of the Americans in general as not deserving the opprobrious epithets thrown out against them by the tools of power. They are severe upon the old story of the commissioners, and upon the contradictory state of the army made to the House. At Howe's landing at Elk he had 20,000 men, and Washington only 15,000 of naked, half starved, and dispirited raggamuffins; presently, at the battle of Brandywine, Howe's whole force was 13,000 only, who totally routed Washington's 15,000 effectives. The exulting minority laugh in their faces, and call upon them to reconcile these glaring contradictions, and observe, that all this is trifling to what may be expected when they get the *official* relation. To all this (and a thousand times more than I can recollect) the dumb-founded junto make but a feeble resistance.

The venerable CHATHAM, and patriotick CAMBDEN, assume the principal command of the corps up stairs, where the enemy have no quarter, no, not even the Reverend Bench, whose mitred heads [illegible] screen them from the piercing [illegible] tire of these gen[illegible] fter all this fine language, they seem preparin[illegible] ear, having voted 60,000 seamen, and an[illegible] ir land forces.

Nothing f[illegible] relative to the late report of the commoti[illegible] we have a report from the city, that t[illegible] eneral Howe in a body for their letters [illegible] ne answered, they were left at Portsmou[illegible]

It is said a [illegible] appened upon Staten Island between the Hes[illegible] the King's American soldiers, the Tories who were ordered to embark for the West Indies, and refused until they were compelled by the others. I hope the next detachment will be shipped for Calcutta.

My old friend, poor Ned TRAVIS, is just arrived in camp from the British dungeon; he has had a hard time of it. Gen. LEE is coming round to Philadelphia, in a man of war. We have another dignified foreigner arrived at camp, the Baron le Count Steuen, quartermaster general and a Lieut. General in the army of the King of Prussia; he has the appearance of a soldier and man of knowledge, asks neither rank or pay, but permission to save the honour of serving as volunteer under our General."

Extract of another letter from the same place, March 8.

"The spirit of desertion still continues with the British troops. There has been a skirmish with the enemy in the Jerseys, nearly opposite to the city, whether by the militia of that state or Gen. Wayne (who is over there with 500 men) we have no particular account. Deserters, and others from the city, say, our people had the advantage, and that several boat loads of wounded were brought over. I have seen Gen. Howe's official letter to Lord George Germain, giving a particular of every transaction from his landing at the Head of Elk down to the middle of October. Though many parts of it speak truth, there are several glaring fallities, a remarkable one as to the eleventh of September. "That Gen. Washington, getting intelligence of Lord Cornwallis's moving to their left, had detached Gen. Sullivan with 10,000 men to our right, who met them at Bermingham meeting-house;" whereas Sullivan's, Stirling's, and Stephen's divisions, all that were employed in that quarter, amounted to only 3800 men, so that the Knight created 6200 men, and thus the glory of the British arms is magnified to that deluded nation."

Upon a motion in the House of Commons, the 3d of December, for 20,000 additional troops for the year 1778, after sundry debates for and against the measure, in which the Ministry were severely handled, and the prosecution of the present savage and unnatural war reprobated by many noble Lords and Gentlemen, it was at length agreed to without a division. However, there is no great probability of their being able to procure such a number, at least time enough to save Mr. Howe from almost certain destruction; for General Washington will certainly attack his quarters before any assistance can arrive to him from England, and we may reasonably hope he will be successful.

Yesterday upwards of five hundred men, continental and state troops, marched from this city to the Northward.